

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19733

This legislation will make it possible for school districts that operate on a trimester schedule to allow release time for religious instruction in grades 9-12. Currently, such districts fall within the maximum periods of release per week, but are limited by the maximum hours requirement in Section 33-519, Idaho Code. Changing the law from having to meet both standards to being able to meet one or the other will bring the law into conformance with state board rule, and allow school districts with trimester schedules to accommodate a full year of release time. Changing this requirement will not relieve students of the requirement to meet any state or school district graduation requirements.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund.

Contact:

Name: Jason Hancock

Office: Department of Education

Phone: (208) 332-6853